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FIRST TOBACCO MARKET EVER HELD IN KENTUCKY.

AND FOR MANY YEARS THE ONLY MARKET, WAS HELD IN GARRARD COUNTY.

SOME INTERESTING HISTORY.

Our magnificent new tobacco warehouse, one of the most commodious and best equipped in the state, is indeed a credit to the county, and had it been built many years sooner, the county would have been wealthier by many thousands of dollars. However, better late than never.

The great majority of our people are under the impression that this is the first public tobacco market of which Garrard county can boast. Such however is not the case. Garrard county had a tobacco market in full operation in 1817, and how long before that time we are unable to trace.

Major James A. Burnside talked interestingly to a Record man of this industry, and he came by his information from different sources, the greater portion of it being told to him by "Uncle" Clairborne Lear, who was a frequent visitor to the old time mart.

The original tobacco growers of the state were hard put for a market for their weed, and were compelled to send it to New Orleans; the trip was of a necessity a hard and sometimes a perilous one; it was loaded on flatboats, or sometimes rafts, at the mouth of Sugar Creek, thence down the Kentucky, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. The return trip was made on foot. One of the more hardy pioneers would usually organize an expedition and take his neighbors crops with him to market, taking enough of his hardy companions with him to assist in manning the boat, and to insure safety on the return trip through the then wild and unsettled country.

This tobacco eventually found its way to England, and the English people prized it very highly because of its light body and rich flavor so suitable for blending with coarser and heavier tobacco, and they determined to ascertain its source and origin. With this in view, they started out a runner; this runner first landed in New Orleans, tracing with difficulty this runner gradually worked his way up the big rivers and finally found the origin of this peculiar quality weed in the sand stone hills of old Garrard, around the mouth of Sugar Creek. This man returned to England and reported the result of his investigation, and in a very short time a house was built and a market established at the mouth of Sugar Creek for the handling of this peculiar type of tobacco, afterward known as White Burley.

This is known to have been the first tobacco market south of the Alleghenies, and for many years the only market in the state. To this market was attracted tobacco from four counties on the north side and five on this side of the river, the best grade coming as far south as Casey county. Many farmers began to give their undivided attention to the raising of tobacco, to the exclusion of other crops.

Billy Wall, an Englishman was the first manager, a man by the name of Mitchell, also an Englishman, the book-keeper, and Isaac Marksberry, the first inspector. The latter was the great grandfather of Mr. Frank Marksberry, our townsman.

The industry at that time was of a necessity in a crude state, they having none of the appliances which are now considered a necessity around a warehouse. The staves of the hogheads were hewn, while the hoops were split saplings. The hogheads when prized weighed 2000 pounds; the press or prize was a crude, primitive affair consisting of a log ingeniously arranged between two trees and rigged with log chains.

Uncle Clairb, is sure of the warehouse being in running order in 1817 because of the fact "that this was the year of the great freshet in Kentucky river, during which 7000 hogheads of tobacco then on the ground awaiting shipment were swept away and lost."

Eljah Sartain, the great grandfather of postmaster E. P. Brown, at the time of this freshet had a consignment of tobacco on the ground ready for shipment; part of this he had raised and part bought, noting the rising waters and knowing the loss of this tobacco meant ruin for him, he hastened preparations for his trip. The river at this time was almost solid from bank to bank with floating trees and debris,

and there was also great danger of being dragged from the raft or boat by low overhanging limbs. Sartain's friends tried to deter him from the perilous trip, but without avail, he declaring profanely that "his tobacco was going and if it went to hell he would go with it", and it was thought that he had actually been lost. He was not heard of for 3 years and he was mourned as dead. However, such was not the case. He finally reached New Orleans in safety, loaded it on a ship and went with it to Liverpool, where he disposed of it for an enormous price, returning here and investing the proceeds in land near Lancaster, where he spent the remainder of his days.

Naturally quite a village sprang up around this warehouse; a hotel was constructed and its proprietor was Mike Salter, his good wife "Aunt Osee" assisting him in looking after the welfare and comfort of his guests. This is a familiar name to Garrard county people, he being a revolutionary soldier; the grandfather of Capt. Thomas A. Elkin of Lancaster. Mr. Salter conducted a "bar" in connection with his hostelry and it became a congregating place for notables from all over the country.

Sam Marksberry, son of Isaac Marksberry, kept bar at the hotel; Sam frequently visited at the home of Major Burnside's father, and from his wonderful memory Major Burnside recalls some of the entries from Marksberry's ledger, which he frequently brought with him on these trips. Among them was "Capt. Billy Woods, one pint whiskey, 4 pence, Gen. Tom Kennedy, 1 quart whiskey 9 pence". Upon this book also appeared the name of Henry Clay, Gov. George Robertson, Bob Letcher, the Warfields, Bennetts and many other noted Kentuckians.

There was whiskey galore and of course gambling, and another sport which was indulged in of which many of us never heard, men met there to "fight their bullies". It was the custom in those days for rich planters to keep attached to his household a "bully". This person was well fed and groomed, furnished a good saddle horse and a negro to care for it and accompanied his "boss" wherever he might go; the only return expected of him was that he must fight at the word of his boss, much money usually being waged on his prowess, his downfall of course meaning the loss of his job and his luxurious means of livelihood. His head was kept shaved, biting and gouging was barred, and they fought rough and tumble, fist and skull until either he or his opponent, or some one for them, cried "enough". Cock fighting was also a favorite sport with these old time tobacco planters and their friends, and fabulous sums were won and lost at this place.

This market flourished for years, and until the railroads furnished a quicker, cheaper and more convenient mode of handling the crops.

Mr. James Clark, one of Louisville's pioneer tobacco buyers was also one of Major Burnside's informants as to this unique market, and insisted that some effort be made to secure some definite data in regard to it, and also the seed of the original tobacco. Major Burnside made careful inquiry, and what is here written is the result of that inquiry. The tobacco grown is supposed to have been what is known as White Burley. Other information was gleaned from Major Robert Burnside a great uncle of Messrs James A. and Joe Burnside, who resided in the vicinity of the mouth of Sugar Creek, and who owned a distillery and powder mill and who was noted for a peculiar rifle powder which he manufactured.

Other names mentioned in connection with the old market are familiar. "Uncle Billy" Wall was well known to many of our older inhabitants, and spent his declining years in the county; Isaac Marksberry was the founder of the well known family of that name, some of whom now reside in Lancaster; Bob Mitchell, the book-keeper, afterward became cashier of a branch of the old Bank of Kentucky in Danville, and many others who were connected with this original tobacco market have descendants now residing in the county.

COAL STRIKE

SETTLED.

Wilson's Offer Accepted After Stubborn Fight.

The strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country was settled in Indianapolis Wednesday when the General Committee of the United Mine Workers of America agreed to accept the plan offered by President Wilson.

The members voted to accept the proposal of President Wilson shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At that time, it was said, no vote had been taken on the question of holding a convention of the union. The committee was still in session at that hour.

The plan provides that the miners shall return to work at once at an increase of 14 per cent in wages; that a commission of three persons be appointed to investigate and determine within sixty days if possible, a basis for a new wage agreement. The conference was made up of international and district officials and members of the Executive Board and Scale Committee of the organization.

TWO RESIDENCES

And Tobacco Land At Auction.

James W. Smith and Theo. Currey are going to sell their two handsome new residences located on 43 acres of the W. R. Cook farm 1 1/4 miles from Lancaster on the new Danville pike. SATURDAY DECEMBER 20th, 1919 at two o'clock, these are two of the best locations to be had around Lancaster and we are sure that people looking for a nice place to live and good tobacco land will do no better than attend this sale. Read their description in this paper.

Public Auction.

Messrs O. T. Wallace and G. C. Walker, representing the United Realty Company, of Lexington, Ky. have just bought a 146 acre tract of land from Howard King. This land is located just below Bryantsville on the Lexington pike and is the place where Howard King has lived for two past ten years. This company will subdivide this farm and sell it at public auction. Watch for the date.

Pastor Recalled.

At a regular business meeting last Tuesday, the Lancaster Baptist Church voted unanimously to continue the present pastor, Rev. C. D. Strother, for 1920, at a substantial increase in salary. Brother Strother has made many friends since coming to Lancaster nearly a year ago. It is gratifying to know that he is to remain a citizen of the best little town in Kentucky.

Red Cross Seals, A La Mother Goose.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,
She had so many children, she didn't know what to do,
As she couldn't buy each one a Christmas toy,
She stuck a Red Cross Seal on each girl and boy.

Mary had a little lamb, she hitched it to a cart,
And in the cart she put some Seals, all ready to depart,
All day she sold her Red Cross Seals, to help the cause along,
And having sold to great success, went homeward with a song.

Little Jack Horner stood on a corner,
Looking for something to buy,
He turned on his heels,
And bought Christmas Seals,
And said, "What a good boy am I!"

Daffy Down Dilly has come up to town,
In a fine petticoat and a green gown,
She will purchase a gift for each of her friends,
And put Red Cross Seals on all that she sends.

To market, to market, to buy a fat pig;
Home again, home again, jiggety-jig,
Back again, back again, right straight way—
Forgot Red Cross Seals, must have them today.

You save the difference at the "Economy Store."

E. P. MORROW

Is Sworn in as Governor

Thousands Applaud Renewal of His Pledges Made in Campaign. Big Parade Is Feature.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9th.—Edwin P. Morrow became Governor of Kentucky at 1:54 o'clock this afternoon. He and S. Thurston Ballard, Lieutenant Governor, took the oath of office in the open under lowering skies, while thousands of persons looked on.

The oath was administered by Judge John D. Carroll, Chief Justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, following a brief address by Mr. Morrow, in which he renewed his pre-election pledges.

The address of Mr. Morrow followed one by ex-Gov. James D. Black reviewing legislation enacted during the last four years of Democratic regime and denying responsibility for any errors that may have been made.

Judge Ed. C. O'Rear, former member of the Kentucky Court of Appeals and one-time Republican candidate for Governor, was master of ceremonies.

While Governor Black was speaking the crowd grew restive, and toward the close he was interrupted by persons calling on him to sit down and let Governor-elect Morrow "have the floor".

"I will do so presently", he said to one of the more insistent, but continued to the end without eliminating a word that appeared in his type-written manuscript.

In the course of his address, devoted largely to explanations as to why he failed to "clean house" during his brief reign as the State's Chief Executive, Governor Black said his chief regret over his defeat was that he would not be able to put into effect the programme he had mapped out for upbuilding Kentucky's educational facilities, and elimination of her penal and charitable institutions from politics.

Morrow Proud and Humble.

Mr. Morrow began his address with the statement that he was "at once the proudest and humblest of men", explaining that he was humble in his ability resting on him. He said that consciousness of the great responsibility of the great republic given him and the rest of the Republican ticket thundered forth "the people's ballot of rebuke to unfaithful servants and inefficient execution of public trust." He pledged himself to assist in development of the State's natural resources, and to see to the physical, mental and moral welfare of the people of Kentucky.

Dr. John G. South, relative of Mr. Morrow, introduced Judge O'Rear, explaining that the latter had been selected as master of ceremonies. Judge O'Rear, in introducing Governor Black, referred to him as a Governor than whom none ever had been held in higher esteem, from the standpoint of integrity and patriotism. He also termed him a "game loser".

DEATH SUMMONS

Comes to Thomas Rothwell Slavin Last Friday Night.

The news of the death of Mr. Tom Slavin at his home on the Richmond road last Friday evening came as a sorrow to all who knew him. He was a good citizen and led a quiet unobtrusive life, his interests all centering in his home, his wife and intimates. The esteem in which he was held by his friends and neighbors was evinced by the kindly and untiring attention which they devoted to him during his illness.

He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and ten years ago he and Miss Jennie Kavanaugh were united in marriage in the old Paint Lick church, and have lived almost in its shadow every since, devoting a large part of their interests and thought to it and their pastors. His response to charity was always ready, willing and liberal and in all his work and thought his devoted wife joined with him.

The deceased was born Nov. 18th, 1869. He was a son of Benjamin and Eliza Kennedy Slavin. He is survived by three brothers, Dr. J. L. Slavin and E. K. Slavin of Danville and J. W. Slavin of Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at his late residence and burial afterwards took place in the Paint Lick cemetery. The flowers that mark the new made grave are mute reminders of love and sympathy.

TOBACCO ROLLING IN FROM THIS AND OTHER COUNTIES.

THE MARKET ADVANCING EVERY DAY AND GROWERS ARE ALL HAPPY.

RECORD PRICE FOR BASKET, \$1.10 A POUND.

Since the opening of the Lancaster Tobacco Market one week ago the streets and alleys of the town have been fairly packed with wagons loaded down with tobacco, all eager to get on the Lancaster Market. The Garrard Warehouse has been taxed to its limit, but everybody has been taken care of and sales have been held daily since the opening last Wednesday.

Some record breaking averages have been made and the highest basket sold in the state was sold last Friday and brought \$1.10 a pound. This was part of the crop of Mr. Phil Brown, raised near town, his entire crop averaging 85 cents. Bastin and Reynolds also of the county hold the highest average so far, it being \$88.44 on 1180 pounds sold last Monday.

We give some of the prices sold by the basket:

Bastin and Reynolds sold 125 pound basket, for 92 cents, 25 pound basket, 97 cents, 80 pound basket, 96 cents, 90 pound basket, 97 cents, 110 pound basket, \$1.00, 45 pound basket, \$1.00, 5 pound basket, \$1.02, 35 pounds, for \$1.00, 60 pounds, 96 cents.

J. M. Lunsford, Crab Orchard, 135 pounds, at 93 cents, 90 pounds at 90 cents, 200 pounds at 89 cents.

Marshall Ray, 245 pounds at 90 cents, 275 pounds at 86 cents, 205 pounds at 89 cents, 85 pounds at 90 cents.

Phil Brown, 215 pounds at 88 cts, 180 pounds at 88 cents, 155 pounds at 89 cents, 105 pounds at 91 cents, 100 pounds at 92 cents, 90 pounds at 94 cents, 90 pounds at \$1.10; 130 pounds at 93, 155 pounds at 90 cts, 170 pounds at 94 cents, 245 pounds at 90 cents, 255 pounds at 69 cents. Milton Ross 210 pounds at 82c, 220 pounds at 88 cents, 310 pounds at 88 cents, 280 pounds at 85 cents, 155 pounds at 84 cents, 405 pounds at 86 cents and 460 pounds at 75c. Ed Naylor sold 185 pounds at 80

cents, 165 pounds at 90 cents, 255 pounds at 96 cents and 120 pounds at 80 cents.

Alex Doty sold the following baskets: 215 pounds at 79 cents, 109 pounds at 78 cents, 115 pounds at 84 cents, 245 pounds at 90 cents, 280 pounds at 90 cents, 180 pounds at 89 cents, 135 pounds at 89 cents; 125 pounds at 85 cents, 235 pounds at 90 cents, 140 pounds at 85 cents, 165 pounds at 74 cents, 405 pounds at 79 cents, 255 pounds at 83 cents; and 70 pounds at 76 cents.

L. V. Poynter sold the following baskets: 90 pounds at 86 cents, 165 pounds at 86 cents, 125 pounds at 86 cents, 185 pounds at 86 cents, 220 at 84 cents, 320 pounds at 77 cents.

Severs and Daugherty of Lincoln, sold the following baskets: 190 pounds at 74 cents, 225 pounds at 91 cents, 75 pounds at 86 cents, 100 pounds at 92 cents, 440 pounds at 93 cents, 80 pounds at 90 cents, 220 pounds at 87 cents.

Hurt and Ray sold the following: 300 pounds at 88 cents; 150 pounds at 91 cents, 40 pounds at 89 cents, 80 pounds at 90 cents, 65 pounds at 90 cents, 85 pounds at 91 cents; 205 pounds at 88 cents, 115 pounds at 86 cents, 140 pounds at 89 cents; 35 pounds at 84 cents.

Clay Clark sold the following: 115 pounds at 88 cents, 160 pounds at 97 cents, 70 pounds at 92 cents, 235 pounds at 89 cents.

Tom Ray sold the following baskets: 480 pounds at 87 cents, 455 pounds at 92 cents, 360 pounds at 94 cents, 515 pounds at 90 cents, 380 pounds at 89 cents.

John Ray sold the following: 55 pounds at 85 cents, 95 pounds at 92 cents, 110 pounds at 90 cents, 170 pounds at 88 cents.

John Ross sold the following, 55 pounds at 86 cents, 70 pounds at 96 cents, 40 pounds at 92 cents, 35 cents, 10 pounds at 95 cents, 55 pounds at 94 cents, 25 pounds at 85 pounds at 95 cents.

Red Cross Seals Campaign Starts.

Workers Must Keep Busy Actively If Quota Set For State Is To Be Realized But Many More Are Expected To Be Sold.

Sales of the first six days of the Red Cross Christmas Seals have not been up to the mark set by the promoters of the sale, which include every public health agency in Kentucky. The State Board of Health, the Kentucky Tuberculosis Association, the Red Cross, the Public Health Nursing Associations in all parts of the state, and the County Tuberculosis Associations.

Many stamps have been sold in the intensive campaign in Northern Kentucky, where W. C. Ryerson, a newspaper live wire, is chairman. In Western Kentucky, too, reports show that many seals have been sold, but not enough to make the state's quota unless they are considerably increased.

In Lexington the school children have sold their quotas and have sent in requisitions for more Seals. Major Ernest B. Ellis, who is Assisting Chairman J. A. Goodson there, offered prizes of \$100. for the best seals salesmen among the children, and the very first day the school quota was all sold.

It is hoped to finish the campaign this week, but if necessary, it will be continued until the quota of \$130,000 is raised. Many more Seals are expected to be sold this week.

\$60,000,000 Road Bond Issue.

Because leaders of the incoming administration are said to be opposed to any increase in the tax rate for any purpose, a \$60,000,000 road bond issue, it is said, may be the solution of the road problem. A plan is also contemplated to have an automobile tax sufficient to pay interest on the bonds and create a sinking fund for their retirement.

The sale of Roscoe Whittaker which was advertised for Dec. 6th, was postponed until Dec. 13th, on account of the high water.

Lancaster Baptist Church Pledges Liberally.

When the big drive to raise \$75,000,000.00 in five years among the 3,000,000 Southern White Baptists was planned, the Lancaster Baptist church was assigned the quota of \$7,000.00 or \$1400.00 a year for five years. The campaign closed December 7th.

The Lancaster Baptist Church went over the top by raising in cash and pledges a total of \$9,000 for the five years, or \$1800.00 a year. There are so far about 140 individual pledges, but eight of the individual pledges amount to \$4000.00, that is, eight members pledged \$500. each. Late reports indicate that Kentucky will exceed her quota by \$2,000,000, or more and that instead of \$75,000,000.00 throughout South, there will be \$100,000,000.00 or more pledged.

The money pledged in this South-wide campaign is for benevolences: Foreign, Home and State Missions, Schools and Colleges, Orphanages, Ministerial Relief, and Hospitals. Local church expenses are not included.

Last Notice to Taxpayers.

Your taxes are now long past due and unless settled within a few days, I will be compelled to advertise and sell your property to settle same, according to law.

A. K. WALKER, Sheriff.

Fresh Milk Cow Wanted. M. G. Tillet.

Denatured Alcohol will keep your Radiator from freezing. 180 proof, at Stormes Drug Store.

STRAYED to my place about Dec. 1st, a black horse and black mule. Owner can have same by paying charges. H. V. Bastin.

Manure Spreaders, Pitless Scales, Cheap. Lot of shelf boxes, and counters. Crimping, squaring and forming machines for tinners. Incubator and bone grinding mill. See J. R. MOUNT & CO.